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STAR WARS TALES OF THE JEDI

The Fall of the Sith Empire



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Forces in Collision

During the chaos of a civil war in the Sith Empire, Republic captive Jori Daragon sees a chance to steal her ship, *Starbreaker 12*, and flee the stronghold of Naga Sadow, the Dark Lord of the Sith. Only the navicomputer on *Starbreaker 12* holds the coordinates for her to get home, to safety — even if it means she must leave her beloved brother, Gav, behind in Sadow's clutches.

What Jori doesn't know, however, is that Naga Sadow has himself engineered the crisis so that she will rush back to the rich star systems of the fabled Republic. With a tracking device hidden on her ship, he can lead the military might of the Sith Empire on a sweeping conquest. Sadow has intentionally kept Gav, training the young man as his protégé. When the ship of Sadow's defeated rival, Ludo Kressh, appears over the fortress world, broadcasting a message and demanding to be heard, the Dark Lord of the Sith tricks Gav into firing a preemptive strike that blows Ludo's ship out of the skies. Now no one will challenge Sadow's ambitions, and the way is clear for him to take the Republic as his own. . . .

Meanwhile, Jori survives the rigorous flight across the galaxy, arriving back at Koros Major, capital of Empress Teta's newly unified seven worlds. She bears her message of grave import, broadcasting an emergency on all channels — but Jori stumbles headlong into her own tarnished reputation. She and Gav have left under bad circumstances, skipping out on large debts and obligations, fleeing the law. No one will listen to Jori or her urgent warning. She has cried wolf too many times in the past. Instead, under the weight of numerous warrants for her arrest, Jori is taken into custody, her ship impounded. As her accounts of the legendary Sith Empire fall on deaf ears, Jori is dragged off to trial. . . .

OVERFLOW
COURTROOM
#4.

GRAND
THEFT, FIRING UPON
CINNAGAR SECURITY
SHIPS...

DESTRUCTION
OF PROPERTY,
FRAUD, RESISTING
ARREST...

RECKLESS
MAYHEM, UNAUTHORIZED
DEPARTURE THROUGH
RESTRICTED SHIPPING
LANES...

...THAT'S QUITE AN
IMPRESSIVE LIST, JORI
PARAGON... THE MOST
BROAD-BASED CRIMINAL
RECORD I'VE HEARD
SO FAR TODAY.

I DON'T DENY
IT, JUDGE, NOT NOW--
WE DON'T HAVE TIME!
PLEASE, YOU HAVE TO
LISTEN TO ME! THE
REPUBLIC IS IN
DANGER.



MY BROTHER
GAY IS BEING HELD
CAPTIVE BY THE SITH
EMPIRE, ON THE OTHER SIDE
OF THE GALAXY. I KNOW
THEY'RE GATHERING
THEIR MILITARY
FORCES!



THE SITH
EMPIRE COULD
STRIKE AT ANY
TIME!



JORI
PARAGON,
THAT'LL BE
QUITE ENOUGH
OF YOUR
RANTING!

THE
REUNIFI-
CATION WARS
HAVE FILLED
OUR COURTS
WITH PRISONER
TRIALS AND
AMNESTY
HEARINGS...




...WE DON'T
HAVE TIME
FOR YOUR
FAIRY TALES
ABOUT SITH
LORDS AND
EVIL EMPIRES...
NO MATTER
HOW ENTER-
TAINING
THEY MIGHT
BE!



WE HAVE
A PLACE FOR YOU TO
THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU'VE
DONE...AND PLenty OF
WORK FOR YOU IN THE
MEANTIME.

A NICE FRESH
COLONY WORLD THAT
NEEDS TO BE TIED UP
FOR LARGE-SCALE
SETTLEMENT.







LUCKY YOU, DARAGON.
YOU'RE SHIPPING OFF
TO RONIKA THIS
AFTERNOON. DON'T LOSE
YOUR SURVIVAL PACK,
OR YOU'LL BE
SORRY.




HAVE A NICE
VACATION!



"SOMETIMES I WONDER IF THE
COURTS ARE EAGER TO
SENTENCE WAR CRIMINALS JUST
TO HAVE CHEAP WORKERS FOR
THEIR COLONY PLANETS.




"I DON'T SUPPOSE
RONIKA IS MUCH OF
A RESORT WORLD."



HMM, ALLERGY
PASTES, ANTI-VENOM
AMPULES, EMERGENCY
SCAB BANDAGES,
ULTRAVIOLET EYE
SHIELDS.



MUST
BE A
WONDERFUL
PLACE.

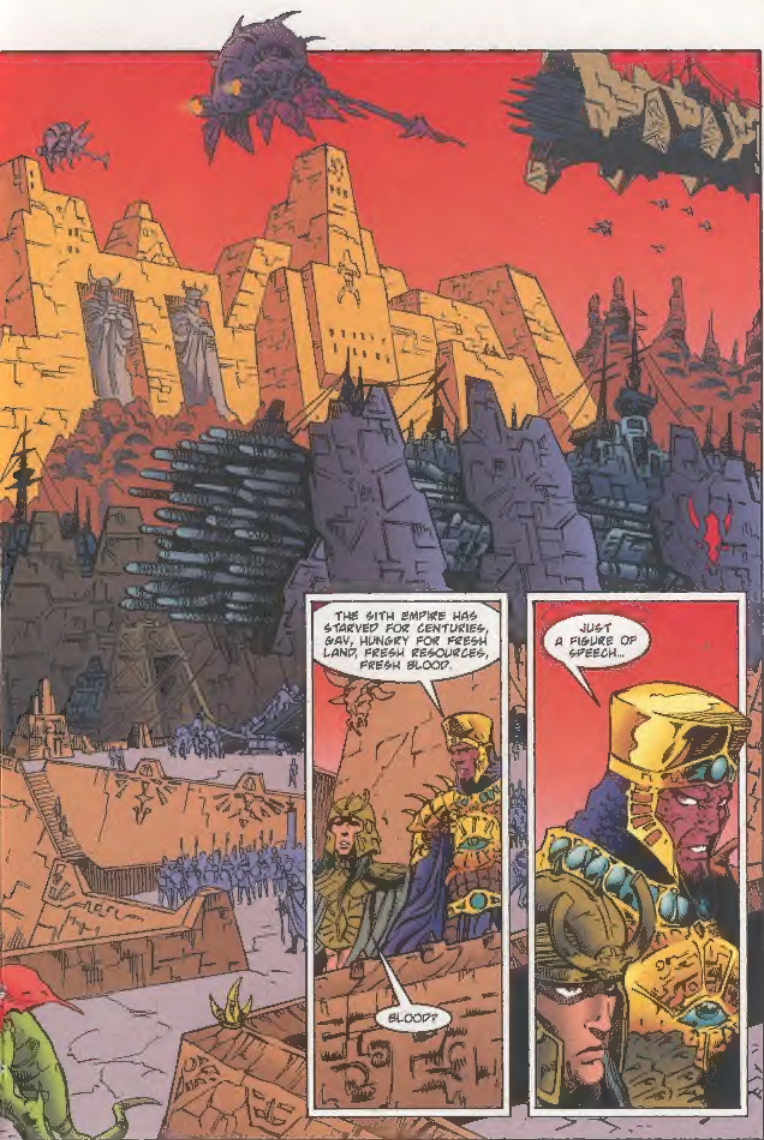


LHHODDS, IN THE
SITH EMPIRE.

CENTRAL BASE OF
THE SITH LORD
SHAR PAKHAN.

AN EMPIRE THAT SURVIVES ON
SLAVERY AND EXPLOITATION, ON
OPPRESSION AND IMAGINED
OUTSIDE THREATS, MUST
CONTINUE TO EXPAND OR DIE.

NAGA SADOW, DARK
LORD OF THE SITH,
HAS FOUND A NEW
DIRECTION IN
WHICH TO EXPAND.



THE SITH EMPIRE HAS
STARVED FOR CENTURIES,
GAV, HUNGRY FOR FRESH
LAND, FRESH RESOURCES,
FRESH BLOOD.

BLOOD?

JUST
A FIGURE OF
SPEECH...

IT'S TRUE...
I WILL BE GLAD
TO BE BACK IN THE
REPUBLIC AGAIN, BACK
HOME.

TAKE HEART,
GAV--THIS TIME
YOU WILL RETURN
TO YOUR PLANETS
AS A VICTORIOUS
HERO, SOMEONE
HISTORY WILL
REMEMBER...

"NOT AS AN INSIGNIFICANT
NOBODY, CRUSHED BY
PESTS YOU COULD NEVER
HOPE TO REPAY.

"AH--THE
ENGINEERS ARE
SETTING UP
THE TACTICAL
PROJECTOR."

SEE
THE EXTENT
OF THE SITH
EMPIRE! THIS BLUE
IS MY ESTIMATION
OF THE WEALTH
AND TERRITORY
THAT PAYS
LIP SERVICE
TO YOUR
REPUBLIC.

BY THE
END OF THIS CAMPAIGN, THE
COLOR SCHEME WILL LOOK MUCH
DIFFERENT!

AT LEAST
I'LL SEE JORI
AGAIN...


WE NEED
TO FIND HER,
KEEP HER SAFE
DURING THE
FIGHTING.

DON'T
WORRY, GAV--
THE FIGHTING
SHOULDN'T TAKE
LONG.

RABA SADOW'S FORCES GATHER
FROM THE FAR REACHES
OF THE SITH EMPIRE...




...JOINED TOGETHER
IN A FORMIDABLE
FIGHTING FORCE,
FROM STARSHIPS
TO GROUND
TROOPS.



LET'S GET
THESE BEASTS UP
THE RAMP. HURRY THE
FLEET DEPARTS FOR
THE RENDEZVOUS IN
ONE STANDARD
HOUR

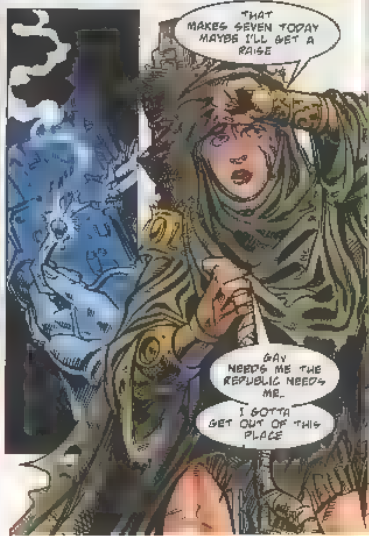
WE'LL HAVE
TO INDUCE THE
CREATURES WITH STANDARD COMMAND
CODING EN ROUTE HYAAAH!
MOVE, BEAST!



WAR SHIAN, THE
CENTER OF SADOW'S
POWER

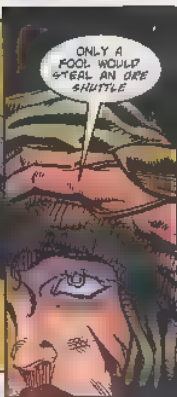
THE
FLEET IS
CONVERGING FROM
ALL ACROSS THE
EMPIRE. NAGA SADOW
NEVER HAS SUCH A
FORCE BEEN GATHERED
SO QUICKLY IN THE
HISTORY OF THE
GALAXY.

MY
MEDITATION
SPHERE MAY BE
SMALLER THAN THESE
WARSHIPS, BUT IT IS
THE HEART AND
MIND OF OUR
ATTACK.

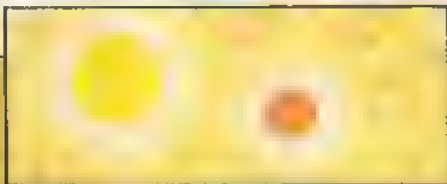




ORE SHUTTLES...

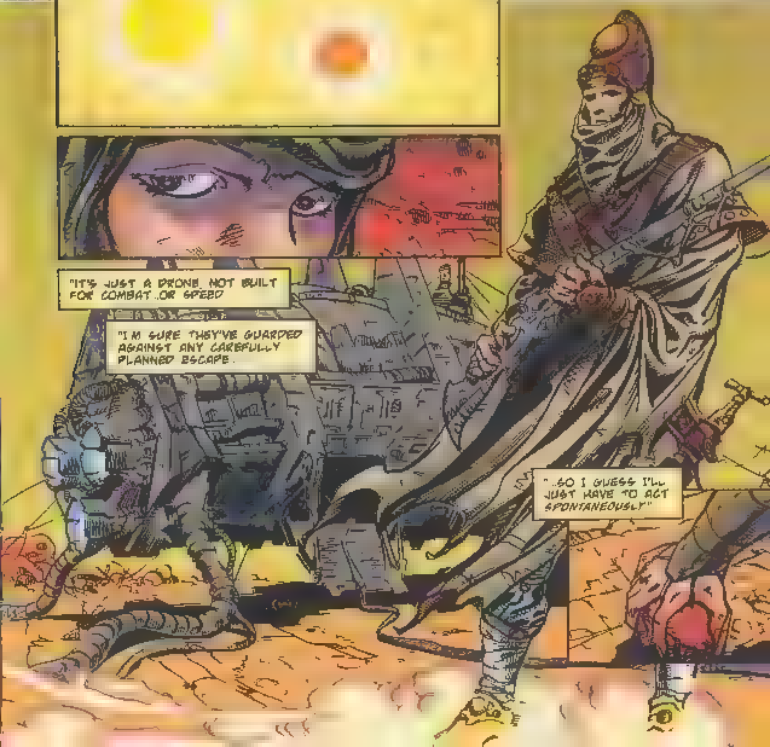


ONLY A FOOL WOULD STEAL AN ORE SHUTTLE

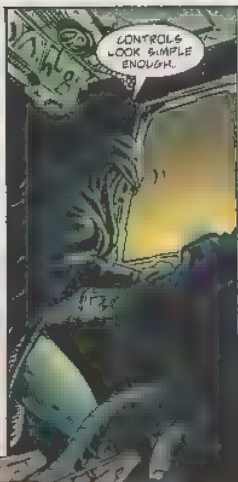
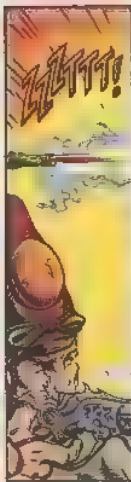


"IT'S JUST A DRONE. NOT BUILT FOR COMBAT. OR SPEED

"I'M SURE THEY'VE GUARDED AGAINST ANY CAREFULLY PLANNED ESCAPE.



"...SO I GUESS I'LL JUST HAVE TO ACT SPONTANEOUSLY"





NO, THIS ISN'T
A DRILL. YOU IDIOT! ONE
OF THE WORKERS STOLE
AN ORE SHUTTLE AND IS
HEADING TOWARD
ORBIT



INTERCEPT
HER!

DOES SHE
REALLY THINK
SHE CAN GET
AWAY?

THESE PRISONERS
GET DUMPER EVERY DAY



GOT HER
IN THE SCOPES..
ACCELERATE FOR
INTERCEPT

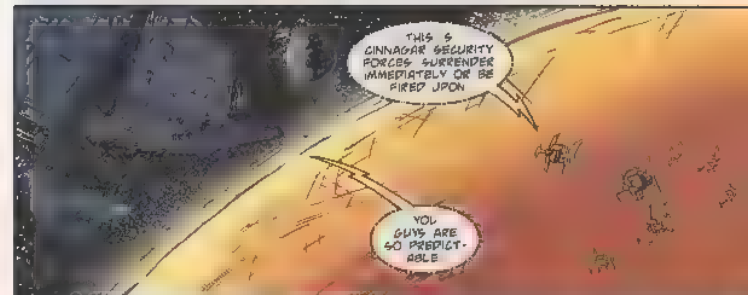


SURRENDER
OR WE WILL CONTINUE
TO FIRE!

DON'T
WASTE YOUR
ENERGY, BOYS..
THIS BIG SHIP ISN'T
FAST BUT IT'S
GOT A LOT OF
SHIELDING

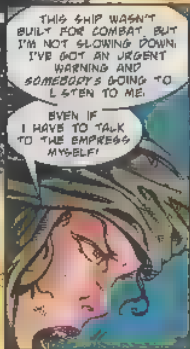
I'LL LEAVE
THESE SHORT-RANGE
FIGHTERS SNIFFING MY
EXHAUST

OF COURSE,
ONCE I GET BACK
TO CINNAGAR THEY'LL
HAVE THE WHOLE
FLEET WAITING
FOR ME



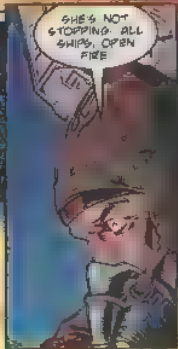
THIS IS
GINNAGAR SECURITY
FORCES SURRENDER
IMMEDIATELY OR BE
FIRED UPON

YOU
GUYS ARE
SO PREDICT-
ABLE

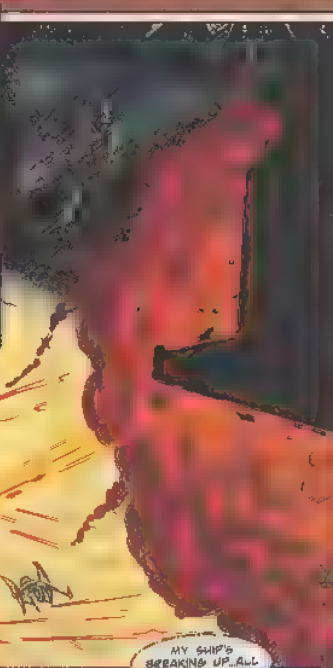


THIS SHIP WASN'T
BUILT FOR COMBAT BUT
I'M NOT SLOWING DOWN.
I'VE GOT AN URGENT
WARNING AND
SOMEBODY'S GOING TO
LISTEN TO ME.

EVEN IF
I HAVE TO TALK
TO THE EMPRESS
MYSELF!




SHE'S NOT
STOPPING. ALL
SHIPS, OPEN
FIRE



MY SHIP'S
BREAKING UP. ALL
SYSTEMS RED.



LOOK OUT
BELOW!



THAT
SHUTTLE DIDN'T HAVE
MUCH MANEUVERABILITY...BUT
AT LEAST IT HAD AN
ESCAPE REPULSOR-
CHUTE

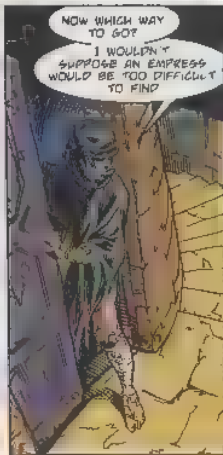
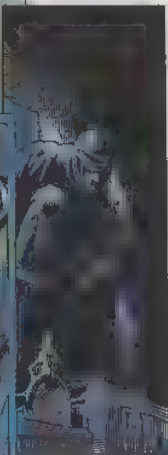
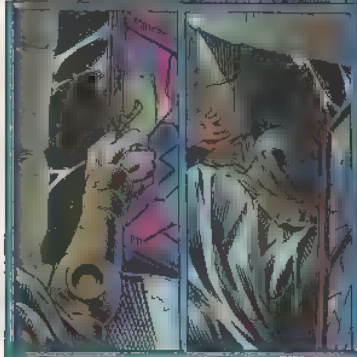
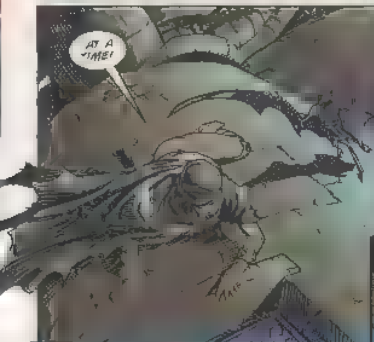
AND I'M
BACK IN CINNABAR
AT LAST!


JUST
A RAWK'S
FLIGHT FROM
EMPRESS
TETA'S
PALACE!

DEPENDING ON
WHERE I LAND -

SOLVE
ONE PROBLEM AT
A TIME.


BUT BEFORE
THIS NIGHT IS OVER
I'M GOING TO HAVE A
WORD WITH THE
EMPRESS.






AT LAST
THAT MUST BE THE
THRONE ROOM!
AND I THINK I CAN
EVEN SEE THE
EMPRESS

WON'T SHE BE
SURPRISED




EMPRESS
I MUST SPEAK
WITH YOU!




HOW
DID YOU GET IN
HERE? WHO ARE
YOU?



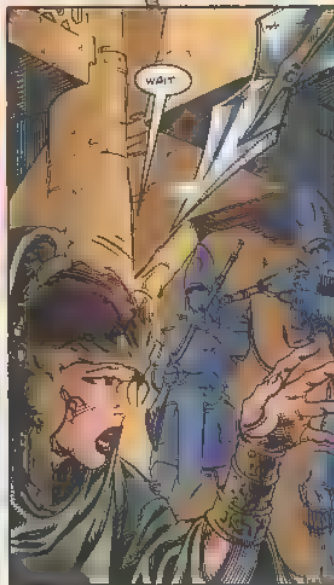
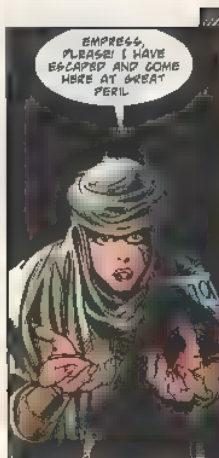
GUARDS
GUARDS: AN
INTRUDER



I'VE SURVIVED BOLD
ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS
BEFORE!



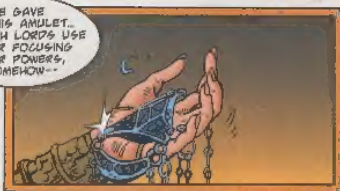
NO,
WAIT! THAT'S NOT
WHAT



PLEASE, EMPRESS...I WOULDN'T MAKE THIS UP, I CAME TO WARN YOU, BUT NO ONE WOULD BELIEVE ME.

I HAD TO LEAVE MY BROTHER BEHIND...IN THE CONFUSION...

...HE GAVE ME THIS AMULET...THE SITH LORDS USE IT FOR FOCUSING THEIR POWERS, SOMEHOW--



STOP, GUARDS... I WANT TO HEAR MORE OF THIS...

THE SITH EMPIRE, YOU SAY? WHAT IS YOUR NAME, GIRL?



I AM JORI, EMPRESS... JORI DARAGON. MY BROTHER'S NAME...HIS NAME IS GAV.



YOU'VE HAD A ROUGH TIME OF IT, BUT AT LAST WE'VE HEARD YOU.

EMPRESS TETA, THIS IS JUST AS MY VISIONS PREDICTED! WE HAVE MUCH TO FEAR FROM THE SITH



YES, AND YOUR MASTER OOROO ALSO SUSPECTED THE TRUTH...



BUT...
EMPRESS?



I TRIED TO TELL
SO MANY PEOPLE...
BUT I WAS ARRESTED
AND SHIPPED OFF TO
A COLONY WORLD. I
KNEW YOU WOULD
LISTEN, THOUGH,
EMPRESS.

I WOULDN'T
RECOMMEND YOUR...
UNORTHODOX METHOD OF
REQUESTING AN
AUDIENCE.



NOW,
PERHAPS
WE CAN RALLY
SOME OF THE
OTHER JEDI
KNIGHTS.

WE
CANNOT
WAIT TO
PREPARE OUR
DEFENSES
HERE AT HOME.



OUR NEWLY
UNIFIED WORLDS
FORM A BASTION
OF STRENGTH
IN THIS
SECTOR...

BUT
I AM AFRAID
THE GREAT
OCEAN OF THE
REPUBLIC--

--IS
WOEFULLY
UNPREPARED FOR
ANY OUTSIDE
THREAT.



"I SEE WE SHALL HAVE
TO PROVIDE A GOOD
EXAMPLE FOR OUR
SKEPTICAL ALLIES..."



EAR KHAR SWAN.

STAGING POINT
FOR THE SITH
DOMINATION
FORCE.

THE
ENTIRE FLEET WAS
ASSEMBLED, NAGA
SADOW.



BUT IS IT REALLY
WISE TO TAKE ALL
THESE SHIPS...AND
LEAVE YOUR ENTIRE
EMPIRE PRACTICALLY
UNDEFENDED?



WE ALREADY
CONTROL THE
SITH EMPIRE, SAY...
WE MUST
CONCENTRATE ON
OUR NEW
TARGET.

WE HAVE
THE PRECISE
COORDINATES FROM
OUR TRACKING DEVICE...
LIKE A BLEATING
BEACON GUIDING US
THROUGH THE
GALACTIC WASTE-
LAND



BECAUSE OF YOUR SERVICE
TO ME, AND BECAUSE OF YOUR
KNOWLEDGE OF OUR ENEMY, I
WANT YOU ON THE BRIDGE OF
MY FLAGSHIP, SAY.
IN COMMAND.


THAT IS THE
BEST WAY FOR YOU TO
PROVE YOURSELF.




ME? BUT I'VE
NEVER COMMANDED
ANYTHING BEFORE! I
DON'T--



"MY MASSASSI WARRIORS
WILL ASSIST YOU, SAY.
BUT THE DECISIONS WILL
BE YOURS."




"ALONE HERE AT
LAST...IN THE HEART
OF MY MEDITATION
SPHERE."




I MUST
CONCENTRATE...
USE THE OLD
AND FORBIDDEN
SITH WAYS.


MUCH
OF OUR ATTACK
WILL BE A MERE
ILLUSION...



...BUT OFTEN
TIMES BELIEF CAN
BE AS DESTRUCTIVE
AS ACTUAL
WEAPONS.



SHUTTLE
APPROACHING...UH,
COMMANDER GAV
ABOARD I'M READY
TO BE ESCORTED TO
THE BRIDGE AS
SOON AS I
DOCK.



ALL SHIPS,
FIRE ENGINES
AND PREPARE FOR
IMMEDIATE
DEPARTURE.



SITH FLEET,
LAUNCH!

THE
REPUBLIC
WILL BE
OURS!

EXT.
FIRST
ENCOUNTER